

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, February 16, 2006, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room No. 206, Second Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Berggren, Tim Francis, Bruce Helwig, Jim McKee and Carol Walker; (Bob Ripley and Terry Young absent). Ed Zimmer and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; and other interested citizens.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Vice-Chair Tim Francis called the meeting to order and requested a motion approving the minutes of the regular meeting held December 15, 2005. Motion for approval made by Helwig, seconded by Walker. Motion for approval carried 4-0: Francis, Helwig, McKee and Walker voting 'yes'; Berggren, Ripley and Young absent.

The opportunity was given for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission. No one appeared.

APPLICATION BY LICORICE INTERNATIONAL FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT THE HUBER/PORT HURON BUILDING, 801 Q STREET IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING: February 16, 2006

Members present: Berggren, Francis, Helwig, McKee and Walker; Ripley and Young absent.

Elizabeth Erlandson appeared with a drawing of the proposed sign. She stated the sign will be black with gold lettering. It will hang in place of the current sign. There will be no lighting. The size will remain the same as the one that is there now.

McKee believes the building is pretty well signed already.

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Walker moved approval, seconded by Helwig.

Zimmer noted this sign will be on the new added railing, where a temporary banner now hangs. He believes the banner has served a purpose in the short term.

Berggren questioned the size of the sign. Helwig noted it is approximately 2' x 4'.

Berggren wondered how many signs are on the building. Zimmer replied there are 3 signs at this business. "From Nebraska" has 3 signs.

Berggren inquired if there are any other signs mounted to railings in the Haymarket. Zimmer noted there are menu boards on the east side of 8th St., there are several signs associated with canopies or roof structures. He can't think of any on the railing.

Berggren wondered if this will start a trend. McKee wondered if the Commission made a mistake with allowing "From Nebraska" to add on to their canopy.

Berggren wondered how many businesses are in the building. Ardith Stuertz replied there are 4 businesses in the building. She further stated that they are the only business who does not have an address on Q St. Their address is on 8th St. and they have had many customers make the comment that they are very hard to find.

Berggren is somewhat confused. Where is the arrow sign mounted? McKee replied it is mounted on the railing on the dock. Zimmer stated it is associated closer to the dock, which is where their entrance is. He would prefer not to see it on the brick.

Berggren wondered about a sandwich board sign. Zimmer replied that sandwich boards are legal in the Haymarket, but a lengthier process to obtain. McKee is not sure there is an appropriate place to put a sandwich board at this location.

Stuertz stated that they are trying very hard to be tasteful, but they need people to be able to find their entrance.

Berggren is concerned that they do not have a sign package from the owner of the building. The address should be listed on the building along with the businesses that occupy the building. That is the responsibility of the owner of the building. Zimmer would rather see this sign on the railing as opposed to a larger building directory sign on the building.

McKee thinks the Commission needs to address buildings that don't have a sign package. He would like to serve notice on the owner of the building that a sign package is needed. Perhaps a letter needs to be drafted to buildings in the Haymarket.

Berggren would like to see this as a 6 month temporary sign.

Stuertz noted that this is a cost to them to have it expire in 6 months. They had nothing to do with the owner not submitting a sign package. This is an issue for them. They do not want to have to do this process again in 6 months, they are doing their best. She implored the Commission to please work with them on this sign.

Berggren inquired about the percentage of walk in sales. Stuertz replied that about 25% is retail, 75% is Internet. She thinks about 15% is from out of town.

Motion for approval carried 4-1: Francis, Helwig, McKee and Walker voting 'yes'; Berggren voting 'no'; Ripley and Young absent.

APPLICATION BY SCOOTERS COFFEE HOUSE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT THE FORMER SALVATION ARMY BUILDINGS, 737 P STREET, IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING:

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Members present: Berggren, Francis, Helwig, McKee and Walker; Ripley and Young absent.

Jason Metcalf presented a drawing for a sign. It would be on the corner at a 45 degree angle. They would like some type of awning on 8th St., but they are waiting to see what happens with the trees. There are a couple of trees that may or may not be diseased.

Rita Metcalf stated that the sign would be at the top of the 1st windows.

Jason Metcalf stated that the sign will have separate lights shining on the sign. McKee and Zimmer suggested lights on top of the sign shining down so as to limit light pollution.

Zimmer noted that the Commissioners may recall when this building was before them for other improvements. There is a common entrance on 8th St. and a couple of entrances on "P" St. When this sign was talked about, the district was looked at for business scale signs.

Berggren noted that the Commission has not seen a sign package.

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McKee moved approval with the sign being downlit, final details to be approved by Ed Zimmer, seconded by Walker.

Helwig wondered how the sign will be effectively lit with the sign being at a 45 degree angle. Berggren thinks the lighting will need to be studied for the best way to downlight it.

Zimmer noted that the old Salvation Army sign was downlit with a type of gooseneck lights. Rita Metcalf thinks that gooseneck lighting would fit the style of the building.

Berggren wondered if the applicant is anticipating other signs. Rita Metcalf reiterated that they are pondering awnings. They have a store at 11th and O St. It has frosted glass with their company name. Is this something that they will need approval from the Commission? Zimmer replied in the affirmative. The applicant stated they will return with the window design.

Motion for approval with conditions carried 5-0: Berggren, Francis, Helwig, McKee and Walker voting 'yes'; Ripley and Young absent.

**APPLICATION BY COACHES CORNER FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
FOR WORK AT HAYMARKET PARKING GARAGE, 850 Q STREET, IN AND
ADJACENT TO THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING:**

February 16, 2006

Members present: Berggren, Francis, Helwig, McKee and Walker; Ripley and Young absent.

No one appeared on this application.

Helwig noted that a banner has been up at this location for a long time.

DISCUSSION:

- Nomination to the National Register of the Chancellor Burnett House, 3256 Holdrege Street.

Zimmer noted that Dave Gaspar is working on this nomination. The Quilt Center is going up next to this location. They are talking landmark and special permit but they aren't sure of what use they want yet. They are still working on the site. It is a Ferdinand Fiske design. The approach for National Register will be that it is eligible for architecture and for association with Burnett.

- Miscellaneous

Zimmer stated that early last week he had an opportunity to see more McWilliams negatives. He took digital photos of some of them. They extend the date range a little bit. They show a downtown parade and street acrobats from about 1923. There are nice portraits and street scenes. The image he finds most exciting is a picture of a young man at a desk with a skull in the background and a doctor's examining table in the foreground. He believes it is Dr. Arthur Moss.

- Berggren wondered if there is anything the Commission can do with notifying building owners about sign packages. Zimmer noted that cooperation in this area takes discipline on the part of owners and that has been mixed. He thinks owners can be pressed for a sign package. The owner should really be coming in to the Commission with the tenant.

Helwig believes it has gotten away from the Commission somewhat. Berggren sees signs that have been approved in the past that he wouldn't approve today. He would like to see the signs be business specific and expire when that business changes.

Zimmer thinks the Commission is also bound by precedent. Berggren personally believes that the Commission should become more restrictive.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 2:40 p.m.